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6. [] In response to his call yesterday, I hand-carried to Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, a statement prepared by IC Staff for Chairman McClellan []

[] I also gave McConnell a copy of a classified document containing basic data for the Chairman's and the staff's use if necessary. McConnell reviewed these documents and then asked me to take them to Jim Calloway, of the Committee staff, who had originated the request.

Calloway accepted the material with appreciation but pressed me on the question of disclosing the total budget figure for the intelligence community. He cited the extreme pressure which they feel Chairman McClellan will be under [] and gave me a copy of a letter to Chairman McClellan from Senators Mansfield and Scott, co-chairmen of the Special Committee to Study Questions Related to Secret and Confidential Government Documents. I told Calloway that it was our position that none of the intelligence community budget figures should be disclosed but in response to his specific request, I agreed to raise the question with the Director.

After consulting with the Director, I told Calloway that the Director, while aware of and sympathetic to the Chairman's problem, felt he had to maintain the position which he expressed previously in his letter of 27 July 1973 to the Chairman on this subject. I called several other points to Calloway's attention including the fact that the intelligence community budget figure which he has in mind is not a pure figure and could be attacked on the ground that there are peripheral costs which should be added to this figure. Use of the figure could trigger an extensive debate on the subject. I also pointed out that Chairman Mahon, House Appropriations Committee, has taken a strong position against the disclosure of these figures. Calloway said McClellan does not want to give the figures out either but he would like to have a letter from the Director restating his 27 July position before the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee meets to mark up the intelligence community budget tomorrow morning. I told him we would get such a letter for him.

7. [] Left with Jack Ticer, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, a copy of the China Atlas which he had requested.

8. [] Talked to Jim Calloway, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, regarding a proposed letter from the Director to Chairman McClellan on the subject of disclosure of community budgets. I read to Calloway our proposed language over the phone and he said this seemed to him appropriate and asked that we have Mr. Colby sign the letter and get it delivered to []

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